

Claims:

- 5.1 > 1. A method of resolving a dispute, comprising:
at least one of a plurality of parties to the dispute providing, via an on-line
connection, an input relating to the dispute; and
information related to resolution of the dispute being provided, via the on-line
connection, to at least one of the parties.
- 5.2 > 2. A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising the step of at least one of the
parties providing payment information for use in obtaining a fee associated with the
service of providing the resolution related information.
- 5.3 > 3. A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising the step of providing at least a
portion of the input from the at least one party in a publicly accessible on-line form.
- 5.4 > 4. A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising the step of providing at least a
portion of the input in a publicly accessible on-line form and allowing at least some
people who access the on-line form to interact therewith.
- 5.5 > 5. A method as recited in claim 4, wherein the step of allowing interaction includes
at least one of:
allowing a vote on which party should prevail in the dispute; and
allowing a question of a party in the dispute.
- 5.6 > 6. A method as recited in claim 4, further comprising the step of determining which
people that access the on-line form are permitted to interact therewith based on an
assessment of the person's knowledge of the law.
- 5.7 > 7. A method as recited in claim 4, further comprising the step of determining which
people that access the on-line form are permitted to interact therewith based on an
assessment of the person's knowledge of the facts.

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8. A method as recited in claim 6, wherein the determining step includes assessing the person's knowledge by providing the person a set of one or more questions and evaluating the person's responses to the questions.

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9. A method as recited in claim 8, wherein the person is provided another set of questions from the larger set of questions if the person does not answer a predetermined number of the questions correctly.

10 10. A method as recited in claim 9, further comprising the step of providing educational information to the person prior to providing the another set of questions.

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11. a3* > ~~A method as recited in claim 3, wherein the advertising is related to the dispute.~~

15 12. A computer-based system for resolving a dispute, comprising:
an input element adapted to receive, via an on-line connection, an input from at least one of a plurality of parties to the dispute; and
an output element adapted to provide information related to resolution of the dispute, via the on-line connection, to at least one of the parties.

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13. A system as recited in claim 12, wherein the output element is further adapted to provide at least a portion of the input from the at least one party in a publicly accessible on-line form.

25 14. A system as recited in claim 13, further comprising a mechanism to allow at least some people who access the on-line form to interact therewith by allowing at least one of:
a vote on which party should prevail in the dispute; and
a question of a party in the dispute.

15. A system as recited in claim 13, further comprising a mechanism for determining which people that access the on-line form are permitted to interact therewith based on an assessment of the person's knowledge of the law.
- 5 16. A system as recited in claim 13, further comprising a mechanism for determining which people that access the on-line form are permitted to interact therewith based on an assessment of the person's knowledge of the facts.
- 10 17. A system as recited in claim 15, wherein the determining mechanism is adapted to assess the person's knowledge by providing the person a set of one or more questions and evaluating the person's responses to the questions.
- 15 18. A system as recited in claim 17, wherein the person is provided another set of questions if the person does not answer a predetermined number of the questions correctly.
- 20 19. A system as recited in claim 18, further comprising a mechanism for providing educational information to the person prior to providing the another set of questions.
- 20 20. A system as recited in claim 13, wherein the publicly accessible on-line form includes an advertising field and wherein the advertising is related to the dispute.

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